GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri Y. Venkatarami Reddy, DRO, SF, Banaganapalli Section earlier Dhone Range of Kurnool (T) Division, Kurnool Circle – Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Charged Officer expired on 15.08.2020 – Further action abated – Regularization of the suspension period as "on duty" - Orders – Issued - Reg.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 21 Dated: 08-04-2021.
Read the following:-

From the PCCF (HoFF), A.P., Guntur, Lr.Rc.No.5185/2015/A&DC-3, dated 04.02.2021.

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ORDER:

In the letter read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) has informed that Article of Charge was issued to Sri Y. Venkatarami Reddy, Deputy Range Officer, SF, Banaganapalli Section earlier Dhone Range of Kurnool (T) Division, Kurnool Circle by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kurnool in the CCF, Kurnool Rc. No. 5721/2014/M1, dated 08.10.2015, under Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 on the following count:-

> Article: "That Sri Y. Venkatarami Reddy, Deputy Range Officer has grossly neglected his legitimate duties and failed in execution and supervision of the work in Dhone Section during the year 2013-14 which resulted in misappropriation of Government Funds worth of Rs.67,088/- finally lead to booking of expenditure without execution of works in the field by submitting false and fabricated vouchers, M.Books and cash book in violation of Articles 5, 273, 294, 300, 301 and 302 of A.P. Financial Code.

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 20.10.2015 and submitted his written statement of defence on 03.11.2015. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Hyderabad has appointed the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool as Common Inquiry Officer and the Divisional Forest Officer, Kurnool as Common Presenting Officer vide Proc.no.5185/2015/Vig-1(i)&(ii), dated 20.04.2016, for conducting regular enquiry against all the (5) charged officers involved in the disciplinary case, including Sri Y. Venkatarami Reddy, Deputy Range Officer.

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3. The Inquiry Officer, i.e., the Chief Conservator of Forests/Conservator of Forests, Kurnool, completed the enquiry and submitted the findings vide his Lr.Rc. No.3743/2010/M1, dated 12.02.2018, wherein the Inquiry Officer concluded that the Charge framed in Articles of Charge is proved beyond reasonable doubt.

4. The findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer in the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Ref. No. 5185/2010/A&DC-1, dated 11.04.2018 and called for further defence statement of charged officer if any, on the inquiry report of the Inquiry Officer within (15) days from the date of receipt of its notice. The Charged Officer acknowledged the final notice on 01.05.2018 and submitted his further defence statement on 05.05.2018. As verified from the further defence statement submitted by the Charged Officer, there are no new/fresh/valid points.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF has informed that the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has reported that the total financial loss sustained to Government for Rs.9,97,007/- has been recovered from all the Charged Officers including the deceased Charged Officer. However, the interest amount of Rs.1701/- as per G.O.Ms. No.33, Finance (TFR.1) Department, dated 09.02.2006 has to be recovered from Sri Y. Venkatarami Reddy, Deputy Range Officer.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF has reported that Sri Y. Venkatarami Reddy, Deputy Range Officer was kept under suspension from service by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kurnool in Rc.No.5721/2014/M3, dated 25.04.2015 from 30.04.2015 to 29.06.2015.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF has informed that the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam vide reference No. 5721/2014/M8, dt.15.09.2020 has informed that the Deputy Range Officer expired on 15.08.2020, while in service.

8. The Principle Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF has requested to abate further disciplinary proceedings against Late Sri Y. Venkatarami Reddy, Deputy Range Officer and requested to pass orders on the interest amount of Rs.1701/- to be recovered as per G.O. Ms.No.33, Finance (TFR.1) Dept., dated 09.02.2006 from the DCRG of the demised Charged Officer and to finalize the suspension period underwent by the Charged Officer from 30.04.2015 to 29.06.2015.

9. After careful examination of the matter, in the light of provisions of G.O.Ms.No.85, Finance & Planning (FW.Pen-1) Dept., dated 12.07.1999

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and G.O.Ms.No.No.995 Finance (Pen.I) Department, dated 21.12.2002, it has been decided to abate further action against Late Sri Y. Venkatarami Reddy, Deputy Range Officer (Expired) in the disciplinary proceedings and regularize the period of suspension from 30.04.2015 to 20.06.2015 as "on duty" in terms of FR 54-B(2) as the disciplinary case has not been settled till his demise on 15.08.2020. Accordingly, Government hereby order to abate further action against the deceased Government Servant, Sri Y. Venkatarami Reddy, Deputy Range Officer (Expired), as per the provisions of G.O.Ms.No.85, Finance & Planning (FW.Pen-1) Dept., dated 12.07.1999 and G.O.Ms.No.No.995 Finance (Pen.I) Department, dated 21.12.2002 for recovery of the pecuniary loss caused to Government, if any from the DCRG of the deceased Charged Officer, and regularize the period of suspension from 30.04.2015 to 20.06.2015 as "on duty" in terms of FR 54-B(2) as the disciplinary case has not been settled till his demise on 15.08.2020.

10. The Principle Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

VIJAY KUMAR G.Srkr
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principle Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur.
The Legal heirs of late Sri Y. Venkatarami Reddy, DRO (Expired)
(through the Principle Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur)
Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E), A.P. Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam.
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SECTION OFFICER